



ST. JAMES JOURNEY

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*Welcome to the Church of St. James, Orillia
Whether you are a follower of Christ, or on a spiritual
journey, all are welcome to this Holy and Sacred place.*



FROM THE DESK OF REV. CAROL HARDIE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this article, we are preparing for a workshop about prayer. While faith is the foundation of who we are and what we do as disciples of Jesus and as people of God, prayer is both the tool and support of our faith. Each one of us is called to ministry that reflects and augments the gift(s) we have been given, and prayer helps develop these ministries as we exercise our prayer support throughout our lives.

Today we are in a time much like we experienced through Covid, not so many years ago. Labelled as "Liminal time", it is a time of uncertainty, and perhaps anxiety; it is also a time of hope and new possibilities. Through the practice of regular private and corporate prayer, we will find the guidance, love, strength and hope of God.

Our worship services continue on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. In addition to our formal worship prayer times, I also encourage small group prayers and personal daily prayers. These times become the exercises of our prayer life and the training grounds of who we are as a community of faith.

I remind you of the competent and faithful people in our midst. Some who have been with us for many years, and others more recently. As a community, we raise up the gifts of all, celebrating what has been in the past, but pushing forward to change and to what will be; discerning the gifts in our midst, and uplifting and encouraging new voices.

My hope and prayers are joined with yours as we live and grow in this liminal time, to embrace the future in faith.

Blessings,
Rev. Carol
Honorary Assistant

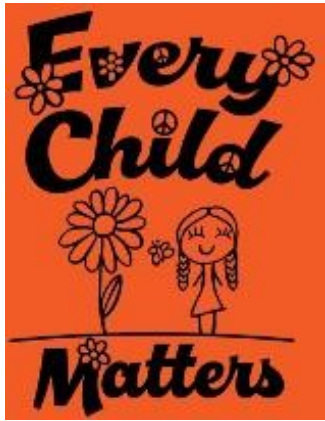
*"I will praise the name of God with a song and
will magnify Him with thanksgiving."
1 Psalm 69:30*

Our Vision - A strong faith community, reflecting God's Love to those around us
Our Mission - To serve and share Jesus Christ
Our Values - Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Respect



THE WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!



September has come and gone. As of this writing, we have not yet had our first real frost, although the temperatures do feel cooler than usual. Looking forward to the few brief days of summer heat, commonly called Indian Summer.

September has had its ups and downs, good news and not-so-good news. We said farewell to John Anderson with a lovely lunch after church service. We welcomed our interim priest, David Warren. In his years in the military, he was called Father David, and we will continue that tradition here at St James.

We welcomed back the choir to lead us in the hymns. We welcomed back several organizations who use our church space, making us a very busy downtown church. This is in addition to our own activities, which took a summer hiatus, such as the Wednesday Eucharist, the Tuesday Prayer group, the Book Study group and the Community Breakfast, just to name a few.

Unfortunately, we had copper tubing stolen from the air conditioner. Some tubing was damaged last spring, and the repair bill hovered around \$3,000. This time, the tubing was actually removed. Luckily, the season change means we will not likely need to turn the A/C on until next year, but the price tag will be at least \$3,000 again, if not more. Your Property Committee is currently obtaining quotes for fencing around that A/C area, and/or a cage to protect against future episodes of this type of thing.

Our heating system will soon be tested in preparation for the cooler season approaching. We pray that all will be in order.

The ACW, with Pennywise assistance, had a very successful High Tea. The Pastoral Care team held a very powerful workshop which was well attended.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who work so long and hard to make our church the welcoming place that it is, and also to the workers at Loonie Lunch and the Community Breakfasts, some of whom do not even consider themselves as a "member" of St James Church community. We couldn't do it without you.

See all of the notices in this newsletter about upcoming events and activities, including Faithworks Sunday, the KAIROS Blanket event, and more.

Come as often as you can. Volunteer wherever you can. Share your time, talents and treasures whenever you can. Together, we are stronger. Together, we shine God's light out into the darkness.

Blessings, from your wardens Julia, Sue and Leslie

*"The leaves are all falling, and they're falling
like they're falling in love with the ground."
Andrea Gibson*



ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

N.B. - We have switch these two books

The St. James Discussion Group will be meeting on October 19th at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlour to discuss "Sharing the Light" by Monique Gray Smith. This book offers a collection of uplifting short stories, vignettes, poignant reflections, and thoughtful questions that include a lens of cultural Indigenous wisdom and is meant to inspire the practices of gratitude, love, joy, happiness, and hope.

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee while we share thoughts and responses.

Advance Notice

On November 9th, St. James Book Discussion Group will be discussing "The Good Eye", a collection of short stories by Jess Gibson. All are welcome to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlour for coffee and fellowship, along with a lively discussion about these short stories.

Linda Davidson



Jess Gibson



The Good Eye



To honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30), and to live out the 95 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

The Huronia Community of Churches is holding a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Saturday, October 3 from 9:30 to 1:30 in the Auditorium at St. James Anglican Church, 58 Peter Street North, Orillia.

Included will be:

- 2-3 hour facilitated session
- Faith-sensitive discussion and reflection
- Reconciliation action resources

Refreshments will be served

St. James' Book Discussion Group – 2026/2027 2nd Monday of the month - 10 a.m. All Welcomed



SEPTEMBER 14
Reputation, Revolution, Religion and the
Queen who Changed History
Anne Boleyn



OCTOBER 19 (3rd Monday)
The Good Eye
Jess Gibson



NOVEMBER 9
Sharing the Light
Monique Gray Smith



DECEMBER 14
Behind The Pickle Jar
Wendy McCuaig



JANUARY 11
A Work in Progress
James Martin



FEBRUARY 8
Liberty Street
Heather Marshall



MARCH 8
Maiden Voyages: Women and the
Golden Age of Transatlantic Travel
Siân Evans



APRIL 12
Beartown
Frederick Backman



MAY 10
He Looks Kind of Rough
(Do You Want Me to Stay?)
Sheri Lawson



ACW HIGH TEA AND PENNYWISE FASHION SHOW

On September 19th we held our ACW High Tea with a Fashion Show presented by Pennywise. It was a huge success and tickets sold out quickly. There were 100 attendees. The Fashion Show that Barb Watt coordinated was enjoyed by all and showcased all the amazing clothing available at Pennywise. Look forward to next year!

Donna Mandley



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday October 4, 11, 18, 25

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

Monday October 5, 19, 26

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

Tuesday October 6, 13, 20, 27

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

12 noon - Centering Prayer

Wednesday October 7, 14, 21, 28

9 a.m.—12 noon St. David's Quilters

11 a.m. - Eucharist

10: 30 a.m. - 12 noon Loonie Lunch

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pennywise

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday October 1

FundScrip Orders

Food Bank Sunday

10 a.m. Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday October 6

6:30 p.m. A.C.W. meeting

Thursday October 8

2 p.m. Social Justice Meeting

Sunday October 11

FundScrip Pickup

Monday October 12

Thanksgiving Day - Church office closed

Tuesday October 13

7 p.m. Advisory Board Mtg. in person

Sunday October 18

Faithworks Sunday

Monday October 19

10 a.m. - Book Discussion

Tuesday October 20

2 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg.



"I was hungry and you gave me food ..."
Matt. 25:35



FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS

- Pillsbury Doughboy died. Service will be held at 350 for about 20 minutes.
- Some people forget how to pray until the Cop makes a U-turn.
- You are on God's "Most Wanted" list. Turn yourself in!
- God's garden: lettuce be kind and turnip for church.
- Wanted: Singers - inchoir within.



Instagram



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Taking pictures during the service for our Instagram.

No pictures of children please. Email them to me at

donnakmandley@yahoo.ca before the end of the day on Sundays.

Thank you for your assistance.

"May all be fed. May all be healed. May all be loved. Amen. "
John Robbins

Your Advisory Board

Anyone interested in reading the current Advisory Board minutes may contact the Church office for a copy. A copy is also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

Are you ill? In the Hospital? Now in a nursing home?

If you or someone you know from our congregation is ill, in the hospital or has moved to a nursing home, please let us know by calling the church office. **We have no other way of knowing**, as the hospital and nursing homes are no longer permitted to give this information out due to the Privacy Act.

Hospital Pastoral Care

Beth Morum is a Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH now as well as Mae Cox. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

Greeting Cards for Parishioners

Lay-Pastoral Team and ACW have had an important ministry of sending out greeting cards for birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, or get-well cards. If there is a parishioner that you wish a greeting card to be sent to, please let us know! Contact the Church office to connect with Christine Blair for Birthday or Anniversary Cards or Lynda Harris for Thinking of You, Sympathy, Get Well or Congratulations.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Each month we ask for a sponsor to support the publication of our parish newsletter. Many of our family receive it via the internet but many still enjoy receiving the paper copy and/or they might not have access to a computer. The donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies and their mailing. Please contact the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

The Next Newsletter

If you wish to place a submission, announcement, prayer, pictures etc. into any future newsletter, please contact Nancy at nancynoakesmorrison@gmail.com. Please provide any submissions for the **November Newsletter** by **Wednesday October 21, 2026**.

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday November 1st** Orders and cheques (payable to St. James Anglican Church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday November 8th**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.

IMPORTANT

Any cheques made out to the church must read as follows:

"St. James Anglican Church" Alternately, please consider an e-transfer accounting@stjamesorillia.com



October Birthdays

Andy Ayers, Brian Crate, Mary McEvoy, Wendy Slattery

October Anniversaries

Vic and Martha Howarth, Bill Manley and Debbie Woodman, Susan and Anderson Charters

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